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SEX OFFENDER PLEADS GUILTY TO FAILURE TO REGISTER OFFENSE

FRESNO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott and United States Marshal Antonio Amador announced today that MARCUS SILQUERO EHRLICH, 35, of Fresno, California, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Judge Oliver W. Wanger to one count of failing to register as a sex offender.

The case was the result of an investigation by the United States Marshals Service working in conjunction with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Adult Parole Operations, and the Texas County, Missouri Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who is prosecuting the case, EHRLICH was convicted on August 3, 1998, in the Fresno County Superior Court for having sexual contact with a child under 16. He received a two-year state prison sentence for that offense and a lifetime requirement to register as a sex offender. He last registered as a sex offender in California in December 2005; in 2006 he traveled to Missouri and failed to update his registration as required by the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). He was arrested in Missouri and extradited to California, where he was recommitted to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for a parole violation in connection with his 1998 conviction.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 was enacted on July 27, 2006,

to create a comprehensive national system and set of requirements for sex offender registration and notification. As part of this legislation, the SORNA imposes federal requirements for sex offenders to register in the jurisdiction in which they live, work, or attend school. The U.S. Marshals Service serves as the lead federal agency enforcing the provisions of these new laws.

The maximum sentence that the defendant faces is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a lifetime term of supervised release. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors. His sentencing before Judge Wanger is scheduled for September 9, 2008.

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